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"(e) From the 14th November 1950 up to the end of September 1953, 4,614 patients were treated. The usual diseases treated are paralysis resulting from interior poliomyelitis and some nerve diseases and rehabilitation after fracture and diseases of joints."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU:—"Sir, may I know whether this section is in charge of a specialist, and if so, what are his qualifications?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Sir, this section forms part of Orthopædics Department. We have got very good specialists in this department."

Abolition of the Board of Revenue.

* 43 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to abolish the Board of Revenue and the date, if any, fixed for abolition of the same?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The Government carefully considered a proposal to transfer the functions of the Board of Revenue to Divisional or Regional Commissioners and it was found on the whole better to maintain the Board of Revenue as it is for certain functions and give each of the members territorial responsibility in respect of functions other than those requiring joint consultation. This schome is being worked out in detail."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM:—"Sir, may I know if there is any proposal to increase the number of members of the Board of Revenue on account of this rearrangement?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"So far as I am aware, no, Sir."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—"Sir, may I know whether the present arrangement, that is, distribution of work according to subjects among the members, is faulty or useless?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Sir, it is felt that a more speedy disposal of territorial matters is necessary."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON:—"Sir, instead of making slight rearrangements, have the Government considered any proposal to totally abolish the Board of Revenue?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"This Government and previous Governments have been considering it from time to time. My own view is that it is not really good to abolish the Board of Revenue as a whole. Collectors are very important officials and the Government may take care of them. But, the Government cannot because it is not

equipped enough to take proper care of the work of the Collectors without a very experienced body like the Board of Revenue intervening."

DR. V. K. JOHN:—"May I ask, Sir, how there could be a speedier disposal with the same personnel?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Sir, the idea is that if we make a member of the Board of Revenue responsible for a certain number of districts all matters will be dealt with a little more speedily by reason of the human element of responsibility coming in."

SRI MOHAMMAD RAZA KHAN:—Sir, compared to other States where the Board of Revenue does not exist, has not our Board of Revenue done very good and satisfactory work in the course of the past 20 or 30 years?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Yes, Sir. In certain States they have no Revenue Board but have only Divisional Commissioners; certain other States have both Divisional Commissioners and a Revenue Board whilst some others have only a Revenue Board just as we have. Each arrangement has its own merit."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a complete picture of their finalized proposals with regard to the Board of Revenue?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—Yes, Sir, when it is ready, it will be placed on the table of the House."

Recruitment of Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police from the Vannar community.

*44 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any Deputy Collectors or Deputy Superintendents of Police in Tamil districts of the Residuary Madras State belonging to the Vannar community;

(b) if so, how many;

(c) if not, why that community has not been encouraged; and

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to recruit persons from this community without consulting the Madras Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(a) & (b) No.

"(c) The policy of the Government in regard to Backward Classes, and Scheduled Castes including Scheduled Tribes, is to reserve a certain number of vacancies for qualified candidates from these communities, viz., 5 and 3, respectively, in